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SUBJECT: DEMARCHE DELIVERED: DECEMBER VOTE ON DEFAMATION OF RELIGIONS

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¶1. On December 2, Poloff delivered reftel demarche to Michael Ndivayele, the new director for multilateral affairs at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Building on an earlier discussion on the subject of religious defamation with Ndivayele's predecessor, Poloff pointed to Namibia's voting record on the subject and urged a "no" vote or at least an abstention in the UNGA plenary. Ndivayele did not share Namibia's position, but promised to convey the USG position to his principals.

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